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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Werner Ellmann of Geneva, who passed away on January 24, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Werner Ellmann was born in Bodenwoehr, Germany to George and Anna Maria (nee Gross) Ellmann on February 16, 1924; he was a decorated veteran of World War II; he helped liberate prisoners at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria and was a translator at the Nuremberg war trials; he married Elizabeth A. Hagen in Chicago on September 16, 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Werner Ellmann was a successful publisher, editor, and salesman, finishing his career with McGraw-Hill; and

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WHEREAS, Werner Ellmann fought for civil rights, including actively marching and protesting in the 1960s; he was a passionate advocate for volunteering, including with the McHenry Parole Division and the Peace and Justice Committee of Woodstock; he founded Habitat for Humanity in McHenry County, was Vice-Chairman of the McHenry County Human Relations Council, served on the Pioneer Center Foundation Board, co-founded an anti-bullying program called Principled Minds, and frequently spoke to school groups about the atrocities of

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1 the Holocaust; and

2 WHEREAS, Werner Ellmann was preceded in death by his
3 parents and his 2 brothers, Herbert and Wilfried Ellmann; and

4 WHEREAS, Werner Ellmann is survived by his wife of 65
5 years, Elizabeth; his 3 sons, Lance (Barbara) Ellmann, David
6 Ellmann, and Matthew (Kathleen) Ellmann; his daughter, Anne
7 Marie Schafer; his brother, Norbert "William" (Macrina)
8 Ellmann; his 6 grandchildren, Megan (Jason) Nachowicz, Emily
9 (Ryan Martinez) Ellmann, Elizabeth Ellmann, Kyle Ellmann, Evan
10 Ellmann, and Nina Ellmann; and his great-grandson, Grayson Cole
11 Martinez; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Werner Ellmann, and extend our sincere condolences to his
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Werner Ellmann as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.